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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. US-PRC 1977 TRADE (UNCLASSIFIED)

TOTAL TWO-WAY US-PRC TRADE IN 1977 REACHED \$374.5
MILLION, UP SLIGHTLY FROM THE 1976 LEVEL OF \$336 MILLION.
CHINESE EXPORTS OF \$203 MILLION WERE ONLY marginally
ABOVE 1976 WHILE U.S. EXPORTS ROSE \$36 MILLION TO \$171.5
MILLION, REVERSING THE DOWNWARD TREND OF THE PREVIOUS TWO
YEARS. U.S. EXPORTS JUMPED SHARPLY IN NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER, LED BY SOYBEANS, SOYBEAN OIL AND COTTON.
ALMOST HALF OF OUR TOTAL EXPORT VALUE CAME IN THE LAST
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TWO MONTHS. PRC EXPORTS WERE LED BY TEXTILES (\$36
MILLION) AND CLOTHING (\$26 MILLION).

2. UPCOMING SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON EXPORT CONTROL
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THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (THE BINGHAM SUBCOMMITTEE) IS PLANNING TO HOLD HEARINGS THIS MONTH THAT WILL DEAL WITH TECHNOLOGY

SALES TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THE HEARINGS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, AND WILL FOCUS ON SPECIFIC EXPORT CONTROL CASES, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH WILL INVOLVE CHINA. HERB HOROWITZ AND GALEN FOX MET ON MONDAY WITH CONGRESSMAN CHARLES WHALEN, THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S RANKING MINORITY MEMBER, AND HIS STAFF AIDE, TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE SEEKING MORE INFORMATION, APPARENTLY, TO ENABLE THEM TO FOCUS ON PARTICULAR CASES. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH EB AND OTHERS.

3. PRC SCIENTISTS TO ATTEND TWO CONFERENCES IN US
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CHINESE SCIENTISTS WILL BE ATTENDING TWO CONFERENCES IN THE US THIS MONTH: A MEETING OF INFLUENZA VIROLOGISTS AT NIH IN BETHESDA FEBRUARY 13-14 AND A SOLID STATE CIRCUIT CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO FEBRUARY 15-17. THE VIROLOGISTS WERE OFFICIALLY INVITED BY WHO BUT, AFTER THE CONFERENCE, WILL BE HOSTED AT RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN THE US FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. PRCLO SOUGHT AN INVITATION FOR THE PHYSICISTS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE WHICH IS OPEN TO SCIENTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS IS ACTING AS HOST
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DURING THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE AND WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY CHINESE TRAVEL PLANS AFTER IT IS OVER. THE IEEE TOLD PRCLO THAT TAIWAN SCIENTISTS WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE AT THE CONFERENCE.

4. SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA (LIMITED OFFICIAL
USE)

I TENTATIVELY PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE SEMINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA (BOTH PRC AND ROC) TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 10. THE SESSION IS TO BE OFF-THE-RECORD.

5. PRC PETROLEUM DELEGATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE CHINESE PETROLEUM DELEGATION SEEMED BOTH PLEASED WITH THEIR PROGRAMMING IN THE US AND IMPRESSED BY THE US TECHNOLOGY. THEY DEPARTED JANUARY 31 FOR TOKYO, FOR A SHORT JAPAN VISIT ON THEIR RETURN TO CHINA. ON JANUARY 28, THE DELEGATION TOURED THE WHITE HOUSE AND MET WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WHO ALSO ATTENDED THE PRCLO DINNER

THAT NIGHT.

6. CHINESE WORK GLOVES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

SCOTT HALLFORD ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE ON PRC WORK GLOVES JANUARY 30. THE CHINESE DID NOT ATTEND, ALTHOUGH ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING WORK GLOVE IMPORTERS (THE AMERICAN IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION) AND THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY (THE WORK GLOVE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION) WERE PRESENT. THE HEARING, WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY ITC CHAIRMAN MISHEW, BEGINS FEBRUARY 7 AND WILL PROBABLY RUN AT LEAST TWO FULL DAYS. THE WGMA EXPECTS TO HAVE EIGHT WITNESSES, INCLUDING ONE CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPANT, REPRESENTATIVE COLEMAN, A MISSOURI REPUBLICAN. THE IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION
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WILL HAVE THREE OR FOUR WITNESSES. IN ADDITION TO TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING, THE ITC WILL BASE ITS DECISION ON DATA DEVELOPED THROUGH AN INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE THAT HAS BEEN SENT TO AFFECTED PARTIES.

7. AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY DELEGATION TO THE PRC
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

FIVE AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, DR. JOSEPH DIETRICH, WHO IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NUCLEAR DIVISION OF COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, WILL VISIT THE PRC DURING THE LAST WEEK IN MARCH. WE BELIEVE, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM, THAT THE GROUP HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY INSTITUTE IN PEKING.

8. AUCOIN BILL: LIMITED PUBLICITY (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON BILL ROOT OF EB'S TESTIMONY ON THE AUCOIN BILL TITLED, "STATE DEPARTMENT COOL TO CHINA TRADE PROPOSAL." (SEE LAST WEEK'S STATUS REPORT). OUR OBJECTIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS TECHNICAL, AND NOT A SIGNAL THAT WE OPPOSED CREDITS FOR CHINA TRADE. WE HAVE NOTED NO OTHER NATIONAL PUBLICITY. THE KING BROADCASTING COMPANY, WHICH SERVES AUCOIN'S DISTRICT AND THE REST OF THE NORTHWEST, FILMED THE HEARINGS AND PLANS TO DO SOMETHING ON THE FUTURE OF US-CHINA TRADE.

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9. SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CODEL CRANSTON (LIMITED
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THE SECRETARY'S BREAKFAST MEETING WITH CODEL CRANSTON,
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
FOR FEBRUARY 22 AT 8 A.M. IN THE JOHN QUINCY ADAMS ROOM.
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